

INTERVIEW SUMMARY

A telephone interview was held on December 1, 2008. Present were Examiner Saif Alhija, David McKenzie (Reg. No. 46,919), and Tyler Nield (Reg. No. 63, 287). The participants discussed possible amendments to Claim 1 and Applicants' representatives presented arguments for the patentability of Claim 1 over the references of Papaefstathiou and Woodbury. Please note Claim 1 is being cancelled herein, so the discussed amendments are provided in new Claim 31.

Applicants explained how the present invention includes the limitation of one model providing its output as input to another model in the framework. The Examiner acknowledged this difference and made suggestions for clarifying this distinction. Those suggestions have been incorporated into these amendments. Applicants are grateful for the consideration taken by the Examiners in participating in the telephone interview.